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March 15, 1954

MEMORANDUM TO: General Walter Bedell Smith, Chairman,
Operations Coordinating Board

FROM: C. D. Jackson

On my return from the Berlin Conference, I send the President a memorandum under date of February 22, 1954, entitled, "Post-Berlin Thoughts on the Current Soviet Psyche". Copies of this memorandum were sent to the members of the OCB Board and to General Cutler for information.

The last three paragraphs of this memorandum read as follows:

"If, during 1954, we have the guts and the skill to maintain constant pressure at all points of the Soviet orbit, we will get dividends from such a policy. Furthermore, our pressure can take the form of much bolder harassment than we have yet felt advisable, the reason being that the chances of Soviet military aggression, at least during 1954, are probably lower than they have been for a long time.

"At some time or other during 1954, the combination of external discontent and the fruits of internal unfulfilled appeasement will start working in our favor in a great big way.

"If this is true -- and I believe that it is true -- the Berlin Conference will have been the most important and most successful encounter between the East and the West in ten years."

The President in his acknowledgment sent me the State Department's comments on the memorandum, and added, "...I would like to have you extend into specific terms the final three paragraphs of your own memorandum."

Prior to receiving the President's acknowledgment, I had had conversations with Allen Dulles and Frank Wisner on the subject, and had put in letter form certain specific recommendations. Therefore, in reply to the

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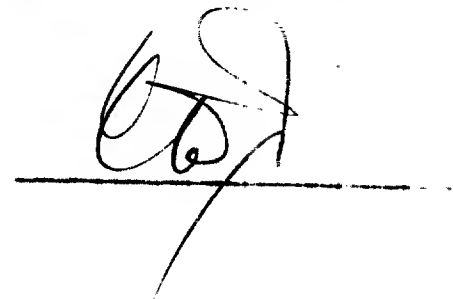
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President's request, I sent him a copy of these specific recommendations, which I am also attaching to this memorandum.

I would like to put these specific recommendations before OCH for action consideration.

Of particular interest to me is the proposal on Page 2 of the attached copy to install an atomic power reactor in Berlin.

For your information, I discussed this confidentially with Ambassador Conant, and found him extremely enthusiastic, so much so that before I left Berlin he gave me a letter expressing his ideas on the subject, which letter I have given to Admiral Strauss for his information and technical consideration. Admiral Strauss is currently in correspondence with Ambassador Conant to clarify certain technical aspects of the proposal in the event that it is possible and desirable to proceed further.



cc: Mr. Allen W. Dulles ✓
Mr. Roger Kyes
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